

SPECIALTY CENTERS ON THE BRAIN FOR 8TH GRADE

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There are over 14 specialty center high schools in Chesterfield County. Last year, approximately 119 students from Bailey Bridge applied for at least one specialty center.

While some centers are favored more than others, they are all equally important in the subjects they specialize in. Two of the most favored centers are the Health and Science Center at Cosby and the Mass Communication Center at Manchester. The other centers are the Center for the Arts at Thomas Dale, the Center for Learning and Teaching through Technology at Motoaca, and the Spanish Immersion at Manchester.

Clover Hill has the Center for Mathematics and Science, and there is also the Center for Humanities at Monacan, along with the International Baccalaureate at Midlothian and one that is similar at Meadowbrook. Some others are the Governor's Academy for Engineering Studies at L.C. Byrd, and Center for Leadership and International Studies at James River High.

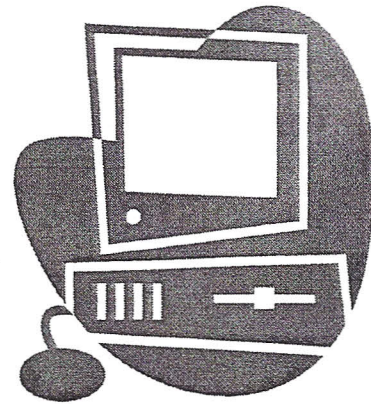
For those students who are into journalism, graphic design, and video production, the mass communication center is probably perfect. The health and science center would probably be more appealing if students are interested in how the human body works. There is also a center that is good for juniors and seniors who are

interested in health careers who maybe didn't get accepted to a center as a freshman. It is called the Chesterfield Technical Center. They have different specialties within the Tech Center.

Some students who are in sports tend to worry about being able to keep playing the sports they love and being able to attend a specialty center. At some centers students may need to study a bit more than others but that shouldn't interfere with sports too much. While sports are something to worry about, being accepted is a fear all its own. The applications themselves are due December 1, 2009. Students also have to get teacher recommendations to be accepted. Some centers need rec-

ommendations from specific teachers and others need them just from any teacher.

Overall the specialty centers are probably very good and would be great for anyone who wants their education to specialize in something they enjoy.



STUDENT PROFILES: THE SINGER

BY KAITLYN EUBANK

One simple quote from Robert Fulghum has been the inspiration for an entire career. "Maybe we should develop a Crayola bomb as our next secret weapon. A happiness weapon, a beauty bomb. And every time a crisis developed, we could launch one.... And people would smile and get a little funny look on their faces and cover the world with imagination." That was Bryanna Holly's reply when asked what quote or motivational saying has driven her to sing. Bryanna is in 8th grade and is coming out with a CD. According to her, she has been singing for as long as she can remember.

Mrs. Pittard, Bryanna's chorus teacher, says, "She always gives 100% all the time, even when she's sick. At chorus concerts, she is focused, sings her best, dances full out, and always knows what is

next."

Mrs. Pittard has had some of her students take singing to a professional level and several are now on Broadway. She also says that because Bryanna is always well behaved and a role model to others, students who want to sing professionally could definitely learn a thing or two from her.

Her CD is called The Blameless EP, and it includes three songs and an interview. One song on her CD is called "Blameless," and it's about when someone spends too much time with one person. In another song, she just does back up vocals for the lead singer, and the last song is a remix of that. Mrs. Pittard mentioned that she is really looking forward to hearing Bryanna's songs.

When asked who inspired her to sing, Bryanna replied, "My daddy and the band Never Shout

Never." Bryanna has met many famous singers including all of the members of the band Metro Station, The Maine, and A Rocket To The Moon. She has also met Jeffree Star and the lead singer of Hit The Lights. She would like to give great thanks to her dad as he has been the biggest help to her in coming out with her CD. Listening to Bryanna's CD is like a Crayola time bomb exploding.

